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Credit due to Bolton

I WOULD like to begin tonight by welcoming our visitors Bolton Wanderers, in particular manager Phil Neal and the players.

Bolton, of course, come to Field Mill with a tremendous unbeaten run of more than 20 games behind them.

And to their credit their success has been achieved with the same squad of players that started the season so indifferently.



Their last defeat in the League was against Stoke – a 1-0 result at home just four days after we had earned a 1-1 draw at Burnden Park.

And apart from climbing into second place in the League they have enjoyed a great FA Cup run which took them to Old Trafford to play Manchester United in front of 43,000 fans.

Meanwhile, the transfer deadline is fast approaching and I hope to use up my allocation of loan signings by bringing in a couple of new faces.

We are constantly trying to bring in new players but there is no point in recruiting those who are no better than the ones we have.

I can assure you that the telephone bill at Field Mill must be astronomical because we haven't stopped trying to find players.

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Pontins games re-arranged

BOLTON Wanderers, this evening's visitors to whom we extend a warm welcome, have just broken a club record run of matches without defeat, and are certainly one of the hot favourites in the promotion race this season.

At the time these notes were compiled Wanderers were unbeaten after over 20 games. So this evening's quest for points, which are vital to both clubs for differing

reasons, will be a difficult one.

Then on Friday we also face another tough fixture when we travel to Roots Hall to meet the current Division III leaders Southend United who are doing exceptionally well after gaining promotion at the end of last season.

And as the busy month of March continues a week tonight we are up in Lancashire for our game against Preston North End. Then our next senior appearance at Field Mill will also be a very important one as we meet Shrewsbury Town, hoping to achieve the double.

 YOU will see that our outstanding Division III fixtures have now all been rearranged, as have those on our Pontins League Division II programme, with the exception of the away date with Stoke City Reserves.

To itemise the new dates: the senior game against Stoke City at the Victoria ground is on Tuesday 26th March.

In the Pontins League the new dates are as follows:

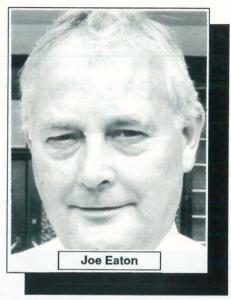
Thursday 21st March, Bradford City Reserves, away.

Wednesday 3rd April, Bradford Reserves, home.

Tuesday 9th April, Hull City Reserves, away.

Wednesday 24th April: Middlesbrough Reserves, home.

Thursday 2nd May: Grimsby Town Reserves, away.



Monday 6th May: York City Reserves, home.

Monday 13th May: Barnsley Reserves, home.

Wednesday 15th May: Wigan Reserves, home.

● LAST week our reserve game against Port Vale Reserves, scheduled to be played on the Wednesday evening, had to be postponed for 24 hours because of the incessant rain had affected the pitch.

Perhaps it was as well, for the dense fog which shrouded the area during the evening, would almost certainly have meant a postponement in any case.

We were able to pull in the fixture on the Thursday evening,—although conditions were still difficult, and we were able to pick up three very valuable points with a 2-0 win.



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----VITAL STATISTICS

Trotters on course for Division Two

LEAGUE points are every bit as vital to today's visitors Bolton Wanderers as they are to Mansfield Town – but for totally opposite reasons.

For The Trotters are well on course for a return to Division Two and, in the longer term, a re-capture of their former glories.

They were unfortunate last season to miss out on a return to the Second Division for the first time since 1983. They made the play-offs, but then fell on aggregate at the first hurdle to Notts County.

A play-off place this season, though, is likely to be a disappointment for manager Phil Neal and his club, who are well placed to secure one of the automatic promotion spots.

Second in the division prior to Saturday's matches, and with a nine-point leeway over the fourth-placed club, they have only to keep their nerve to secure their elevation.

The Trotters' away record has played no small part in their success this term, for only league leaders Southend have fared better on their travels.

Bolton have chalked up victories in eight of their 15 away league matches to date – a record which matches that at Burnden Park.

There must be a strong feeling about the place that the club are in temporary exile in the lower divisions, because they have a long and proud tradition of being one of the country's major forces at a higher level.

Four times FA Cup winners, their most memorable final as far as neutrals are concerned must surely be the so-called 'Matthews Final' on 1953, when the Trotters went down 4-3 to Blackpool right at the death after leading 3-1.

Neal took charge at Burnden Park in 1985, which must make him one of the longest-serving managers in the division.

He could not prevent the club from falling into Division Four for the first and only time

Gordon Foster probes the opposition

in their history in his first season, but they bounced back at the first attempt, since when the story has been one of steady progress.

Neal, who operated as player-manager until this season, has largely kept faith with the side which came so close to promotion last season, but added centre-back Mark Seagrave from Manchester City during the close season.

The only other recent acquisition is Mark Patterson, a midfielder or winger who joined from neighbours Bury for £65,000 three months ago.

Their success has been aided by their ability to field a settled side for much of the season, and their only injury worry is Stuart Storer, who had a spell at Field Mill earlier in his career. He picked up a hamstring injury in the FA Cup fourth round defeat by Manchester United, but he could return to the side after coming through a reserve match last week.

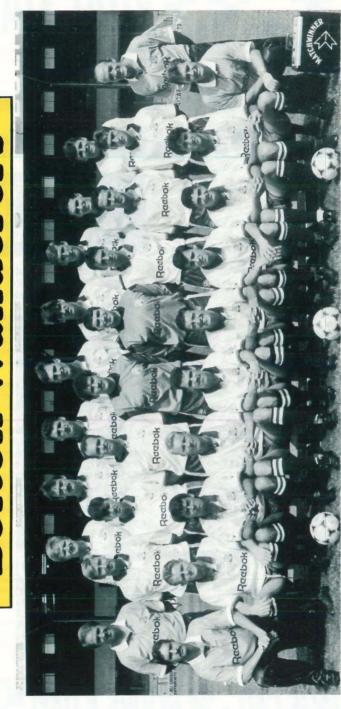
Leading scorer is Tony Philliskirk who, with 19 to his credit so far, looks set to pass last season's 23.

The last time we beat Bolton in a league match was in 1971-72, although we won at Burnden Park in the northern semi-final of the Freight Rover Trophy, as it then was, in 1985.

But there has been a history of drawn matches between the clubs since they returned to the Third Division, including a 1-1 draw at Bolton earlier in the current campaign.



A WARM WELCOME TO **Nanderers** olton



Sponer and Robbie Savage. Middle row: Phil Neal, manager; Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher and Mick Brown, coach. Front row: Ewan Simpson, physio; David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green and Steve Back row, from the left: Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Carroll, youth team coach

Trotters pen pix

DAVID FELGATE: Goalkeeper: Commenced his career with Bolton but failed to make a League appearance before being sold to Lincoln for £25,000. Won a Welsh international cap at Sincil Bank and returned to E15,000.

PHIL BROWN: Defender: Club captain who has been an ever-present in the side for the past two seasons. Signed from Halifax Town for £17,000 and made 135 League appearances for the Shaymen.

BARRY COWDRILL: Defender: Began his career with West Bromwich Albion, who signed him from non-league Sutton Coldfield Town. Player of the year at Bolton last season.

MARK SEAGRAVES: Defender: A £100,000 signing from Manchester City in September. Can play anywhere at the back. He began his career with Liverpool and his arrival at Burnden Park has co-incided with the team's fine unbeaten run.

MARK WINSTANLEY: Defender: A home grown player who made his debut in 1986. Has more than 100 appearances to his credit and his consistent performances have attracted many top scouts.

MARK PATTERSON: Midfield: A £65,000 signing from Lancashire neighbours Bury in January and has established himself in Bolton's engine

STEVE THOMPSON: Midfield: Old-ham born player who is the longest serving professional in the club. Began his career in 1982 and has played over 300 games since.

SAMMY LEE: Midfield: A free transfer from Southampton earlier this season. A former England international who enjoyed a glittering career with Liverpool in the Eighties.

SCOTT GREEN: Midfield: Walsall born player who was bought for £50,000 from Derby County a year ago.

DAVID REEVES: Striker: A tribunal fixed his £80,000 transfer from Sheffield Wednesday last summer. He gained League experience with loan spells to Scunthorpe and Burnley during his days at Hillsborough.

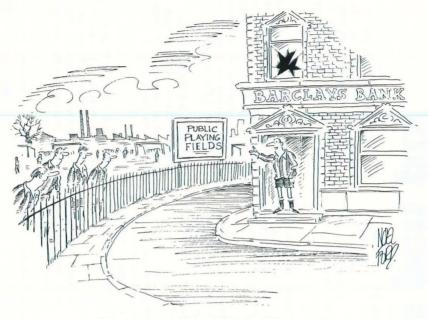
TONY PHILLISKIRK: Striker: Last season's leading scorer after his £50,000 signing from Preston North End. Began his career with Sheffield United, making 80 appearances before signing for Oldham in 1988. Top scorer at Bolton this term.

ROBBIE SAVAGE: Midfield: Missed most of last season through injury. Began his career with Liverpool and played for Bournemouth and Bradford City.

JULIAN DARBY: Midfield: Boltonborn midfielder who is a product of the club's youth policy. Made his debut in 1986 and mas made over 150 appearances, scoring 12 times last season.







'The manager will be delighted to discuss more comprehensive insurance for the club and, yes we CAN have our ball back'.





Clown Prince that's Chris!

ALTHOUGH Chris Withe has already been featured in 'Through The Keyhole', his antics on the park have earned him another star slot.

Several weeks ago Chris was talking to us about his arrival at Field Mill on a month's loan. But since then he has begun a second month on loan and has established himself as a firm favourite with the fans.

Not only for his competent and competitive defending in a struggling Stags side, but for his joker in the pack humour.

One local paper said that Chris, loaned from Bury, has a tendancy to do the kind of things that Gazza wouldn't dream of.

Against Grimsby a couple of weeks ago he grabbed a linesman's flag which had fallen on the floor and signalled the throw-in Mansfield's way for the second time this season.

And last Tuesday night against Stoke he crossed swords with another prankster – veteran Micky Thomas.

Chris crept over to the bench where Thomas was discussing tactics during a break in play, put a hand to his ear and pretended to listen in.

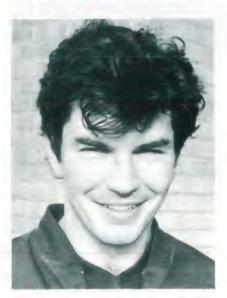
The former Welsh international then chased him, laughing, back onto the pitch.

And on Saturday against Chester at Macclesfield, Chris was entertaining the fans again!

This time he held his hands to his face in despair as his free kick ran too strongly for the Stags forwards.

And his constant banter in the first half with Chester fans injected plenty of good humour to the situation.

Chris does, however, take his game seriously but believes that a bit of fun does



Chris Withe

have a place in his game.

"You've got to have a laugh. At Notts County they used to call me smiler. It might look like I'm not giving my all but I am, I can assure you.

"Things happen and I respond to them. Sometimes it can take the sting out of a situation, when supporters might be getting agitated.

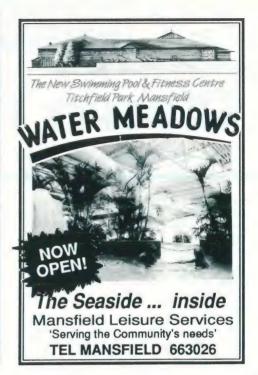
"When they start swearing I have a laugh and before you know it they're laughing with me,' he said.

And on a serious note he added: "I would love to come here on a permanent basis. The fans have been great to me."





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Stoke star in performance of the day!

OUT of form Stoke City were given little chance of collecting even a point at Brentford on Saturday.

But managerless City crushed promotion chasing Brentford 4-0 at Griffin Park with late goals from Micky Thomas, Noel Blake, Calrl Beeston and new loan signing Wayne Clarke.

Grimsby Town also gave a battling display to defeat table-topping Southend United 1-0 at Blundell Park.

And it was dynamic midfielder Dave Gilbert who notched the all-important goal after 40 minutes.

Bolton, Mansfield's opponents tonight, went within a point of Southend after thrashing Fulham 3-0 at Burnden Park.

And Tony Philliskirk maintained his record as one of the top scorers in the league by notching two more — one from the penalty spot.

Another penalty was awarded at Millmoor where Rotherham were leading Birmingham City up until the 79th minute.

But after conceding a spot kick they had to settle for a 1-1 draw – a result which certainly did Mansfield a favour.

Shrewsbury Town, with two games in hand over Mansfield, were just a point adrift after drawing 2-2 at Wigan – Kevin Summerfield equalising a late

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Mansfield Chad and BBC Radio Nottingham

strike by Andy Pilling four minutes from time.

But there was no joy for hot and cold Crewe who went down 3-1 at Huddersfield, whose own promotion prospects are well intact.

The Terriers moved into fifth place on 51 points – 10 behind leaders

Southend.

But Bury's play-off aspirations were dented at Exeter where they went down 2-0 — the manager's son Mark Cooper hitting the back of the net twice, once from the spot.

Bournemouth, though, are still in touch after defeating Swansea 2-1 at the Vetch Field, despite Jimmy Gilligan giving the Swans an early lead.

But Tranmere continue to throw away points, after losing 1-0 at Reading.

Finally, Cambridge United's FA Cup heroics were ended at Highbury where they went down 2-1. Dion Dublin scored for United but Tony Adams struck the quarter final winner.









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Comedy of errors kept Stags in re-election zone



6th March, 1984 **Division Four** Mansfield 3 Wrexham 4



Field Mill was the place to be if goals were what you wanted on the evening of Tuesday, 6th March, 1984.

But fans of Mansfield Town would have been appalled at the catalogue of errors as The Stags fell once again in front of their own fans, leaving us 22nd in Division Four and staring an application for reelection in the face.

There was nothing wrong with the opening as we sought to build on a 2-0 victory over Reading three days earlier.

Four corners forced in the first eight minutes were followed by a ninth minute opener for Billy Ayre.

The rest of the first half did little to impress, but even after Wrexham's equaliser a minute before the break, a gift put away by Steve Buxton, confidence among the faithful 1,986 fans remained high that we would clinch the three vital

Buxton's equaliser came when he was left unmarked on the right with our defence appealing for a hand-ball decision which never came.

But. according to the Chad correspondent, that blunder paled into insignificance in the second half.

The report went on: "Buxton again found

space to exploit as he provided the cross from which Dave Gregory gave the Welshmen a 54th minute lead.

And that after Ged Keegan, Tony Lowery and Gary Nicholson had all gone close to restoring Mansfield's lead in the first eight minutes of the second half.

It was an appalling lack of control by Nicholson which gifted a second goal to

Gregory after 63 minutes.

Then a blunder by young Paul Taylor which let in Steve Buxton for the visitors' fourth goal in the 70th minute after Billy Ayre had raised hopes of a Stags revival with a goal three minutes earlier.'

Dave Caldwell, who missed a clear chance on 66 minutes, made amends 10

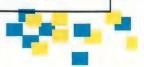
minutes from the end.

But all we could do in the final 10 minutes failed to produce the equaliser, leaving manager lan Greaves bemoaning: "Our opponents don't even have to work hard for their goals."

And he was scathing about his senior players including forwards Nicholson and Stewart Barrowclough whose errors led to

two of the Wrexham goals.

• It was not until mid-April that we eventually pulled clear of the re-election zone, to eventually finish 19th.



MATCHFA

STATISTICS 1990-91

18 Sat FA Cup Final

Aug	19	Sun	Notts County (Co. Cup SF)	H	3-3‡	2,271
	22	Wed	Nottingham Forest	Α	0-5	6,254
	25	Sat	Wigan Athletic	A	2-0	2,032
	28	Tues	Cardiff City (Rmblws Cup 1)	H	1-1	2,091
Sep	1	Sat	Brentford	H	0-2	2,511
•	4	Tues	Cardiff City (Rmblws Cup 1)	Α	0-3	2,539
	8	Sat	Leyton Orient	Α	1-2	3,703
	15	Sat	Exeter City	H	0-2	2,355
	18	Tues	Cambridge United	H	2-2	2,450
	22	Sat	Bury	Α	0-1	2,620
	29	Sat	Southend United	Н	0-1	2,120
Oct	2	Tues	Bolton Wanderers	Α	1-1	3,631
001	6	Sat	Shrewsbury Town	Α	3-0	2,587
	13	Sat	Preston North End	Н	0-1	3,225
	20	Sat	Bradford City	H	0-1	3,582
	22	Mon	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-6	5,996
	27	Sat	Huddersfield Town	A	2-2	4,413
Nov	3	Sat	Crewe Alexandra	Ĥ	1-3	2,701
INOV	10	Sat	Swansea City	Н	2-0	2,200
	17	Sat	Preston NE (FACR1)	A	1-0	5,230
	24	Sat	Rotherham United	A	1-1	
	27	Tue		A	2-1	3,729
Dee			Northampton Town (LDC)			2,186
Dec	1	Sat	Grimsby Town	A	0-2	5,350
	15	Sat	Chester City	H	1-0	1,919
	17	Mon	York City FA Cup Rnd 2	Н	2—1	3,790
	22	Sat	Fulham	H	1-1	2,838
	26	Wed	AFC Bournemouth	A	0-0	5,280
	29	Sat	Reading	A	1-2	4,100
Jan	1	Tues	Birmingham City	Н	1-2	3,652
	5	Sat	Shef Wed (FA Cup 3)	Н	0-2	9,076
	8	Tues	Stoke City (LDC)	н	3-0	1,660
	12	Sat	Brentford	Α	0-0	6,064
	19	Sat	Wigan Athletic	Н	1-1	2,166
	26	Sat	Exeter City (FA Cup 4)	Α	0-2	3,432
Feb	1	Fri	Cambridge United	Α	1-2	5,094
	5	Tues	Bury	Н	0-1	1,921
	19	Tues	Fulham	н	2-1•	1,511
	23	Sat	Swansea City	Α	2-1	3,354
	26	Tues	Birmingham City	Α	0-2	5,358
Mar	2	Sat	Grimsby Town	Н	1-1	3,502
	5	Tues	Stoke City	H	0-0	2,941
	9	Sat	Chester City (FA Cup 6)	Α	0-1	1,157
	12	Tues	Bolton Wanderers	Н		
	15	Fri	Southend United	Α		
	19	Tues	Preston North End	A		
	23	Sat	Shrewsbury Town	Н		
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THE Mansfield Town Youth Development Trust will be the financial means by which the club's youth policy will be implemented.

This will be carried out through the setting up of the Mansfield Town FC Youth Academy – the School of Excellence.

Any youth activity that the Football Club wish to promote will be handled by the Youth Academy, and be financed from the Youth Development Trust.

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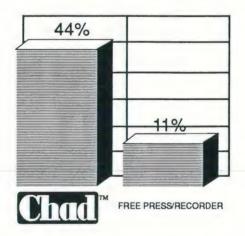
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August 29 WedBurnley	A 1—1
September 5 WedPreston NE 12 WedScunthorpe Utd 19 WedStoke City 24 MonBlackpool	H 2—0 A 1—2 H 1—1 A 5—0
October 3 WedWest Bromwich 11 Thu Notts County 24 WedMiddlesbrough 29 MonWest Bromich	A 1—3 A 2—2 A 0—0 H 0—6
November 7 WedBolton Wanderers 13 Tue Oldham Athletic 19 MonOldham Athletic 28 WedBolton Wanderers	H 1—2 A 2—3 H 3—3 A 0—1
December 3 MonGrimsby Town 12 WedPort Vale 18 Tue Wigan Athletic	H 1—0 A 6—0 A 0—1
January 15 Tue Preston NE 21 MonBurnley 28 MonScunthorpe Utd	A 0—6 H 2—2 H 0—2
February 20 WedBarnsley	A 1—2
March 6 WedPort Vale 21 Thu Bradford City 25 MonHull City	H 1—2 A H
April 3 WedBradford City 9 Tue Hull City 17 WedBlackpool 24 WedMiddlesborough 29 MonNotts County	H A A H
May 2 Thu Grimsby Town 6 MonYork City 8 WedYork City 13 MonBarnsley 15 WedWigan	A H A H H

Valiants victorious

"We did all the attacking and should have had six goals. Apart from letting two in the lads did everything I could have asked of them."

That was manager Kevin Randall's view of the 2-1 home defeat by Port Vale Reserves last Wednesday night.

The Stags conceded two goals in three minutes but pulled one back through substitute Steve Taylor, who came on for Trevor Christie.

Tony Lowery might find himself figuring in the Reserves as he plots his way back from an injury sustained against Birmingham City.

Mansfield's second string now face a busy run in to the end of the season after suffering several postponements already.

Their next match is away to Bradford City at Valley Parade tomorrow night.

NEXT HOME GAME: HULL CITY

Monday, 25th March Kick off 7pm.

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September 1 Sat Chesterfield 8 Sat Coventry City 15 Sat Shrewsbury Town 22 Sat Nottingham Forest 29 Sat Aston Villa	H 2—1 A 1—1 H 3—0 A 0—3 H 6—0
October 6 Sat Port Vale (LC) 8 MonNotts Co (MYC) 13 Sat Birmingham City 20 Sat Peterborough United 23 Tue Blackburn (FAYC) 27 Sat Port Vale	H 1—3 H 2—3 A 1—5 H 3—5 H 2—4 A 0—1
November 10 Sat Leicester City 24 Sat Derby County	H 0—1 H 1—1
December 5 WedNotts County 15 Sat West Bromwich 22 Sat Walsall 29 Sat Northampton Town	A 0—8 H 0—2 A 3—2 H P—P
January 5 Sat Stoke City 12 Sat Chesterfield 19 Sat Coventry City 26 Sat Shrewsbury Town	H 0—1 A 1—1 H 2—1 A 0—1
February 2 Sat Nottingham Forest 9 Sat Aston Villa 16 Sat Birmingham City 23 Sat Peterborough United	H 1—0 A P—P H P—P A 2—4
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Holland wins cap

MANSFIELD'S Youth International Paul Holland gave a fine account of himself against Holland last Tuesday night.

Paul, making his debut, played in midfield for the entire game after winning his way through trials.

He is now set to represent the England under 18 side in two more matches, and was due to turn up at Field Mill tonight to display his international cap.

Meanwhile, the A team were set to play Aston Villa yesterday (Monday) with fit-again John Kerrigan in their ranks.

Kerrigan is getting back to full form after a lengthy lay off with an ankle injury.

He is one of Mansfield's best young defenders and is beginning to show his high potential after undergoing surgery on his troublesome ankle.

NEXT HOME GAME: WOLVES

Saturday, 6th April Kick off 10.45am, Edwinstowe

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STAR ACTION: Kevin Kent, above, heads for goal during last Tuesday night's 0-0 home draw with Stoke City. Below is defender Kevin Gray pictured in an aerial duel with Stoke centre half lan Cranson. Ian Hathaway looks on.





FIELD MILL TOPICS

Coaching course at Field Mill

BILLY Dearden, Mansfield Town's assistant manager, is organising a Soccer Coaching Course and Fun Week at Field Mill in the Easter holidays.

The course, sponsored by the Mansfield Building Society, is open to boys and girls between

the ages of six and 14.

The course commences on Tuesday, 26th March, running for four days between 1.30 and

3.30pm.

Stags stars will be present during the four days, and each participant will be supplied with a certificate, refreshments and an autographed football.

Billy said: "It will be a great week. We have had about 40

applications already."

The fee for the course is just £10, and cheques should be made payable to the Mansfield Town Youth Development Fund. Children taking part should supply their own kit.

Places are unlimited and further details are available from Debbie Osborne at Field Mill on Mansfield

23567.

• Wayne Fairclough, Mansfield's midfield battler, will miss just one match after accumulating more than 21 disciplinary points.

He will be suspended for the

Preston North End match at Deepdale next Tuesday night — ironically a match he missed last season through suspension.

● Tony Lowery is struggling to overcome a calf injury sustained against Birmingham City in the Leyland DAF Cup at St Andrew's.

Lowery missed the matches against Stoke City and Chester City but is hoping to regain fitness quickly.

 Stags physio Dennis Pettitt is still holding sports injury clinics at Field Mill for local sporstmen.

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AWAY TRAVEL

STAGS Supporters' Club are back on the road on Friday, 15th March.

The Stags are off to Southend United, kick off 7.30. The fans depart from Field Mill at 3.30pm and the fare for that journey is £8.80 and £8 for club members.

On Tuesday, 19th March, the Supporters' Club go to Preston with the Stags, departing at 3.30pm. The fare is £6.50 and £6.

Details of the Fulham trip on Easter Monday will appear in Saturday's programme.

More information about away match travel can be obtained from Melanie Brown in the Stags commercial office, tel. Mansfield 658070.

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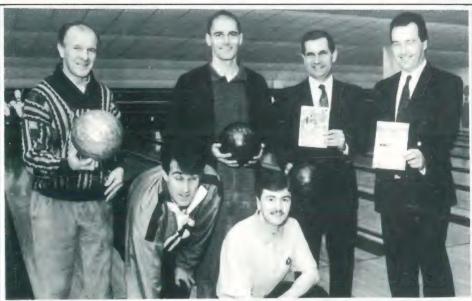


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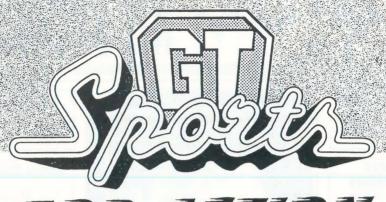
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